



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

8. Harris, Thomas, for Provisions furnished the Powhatan Militia, ₧ accot., 7. 16. 8.
10. Hill, Edward, for Flat hire, &c., for the King & Queen Militia, ₧ accot., 5. 7. 8.
- Hughes, Capt. Robert, for Provisions furnished his Comp'y Powhatan Militia, 14. 11. 6.
- Haskins, Edward, for rations, &c., as Major of the Powhatan Militia, ₧ accot., 7. 16. 8.
13. Harris, Capt. James, for paid Expenses of a sick Soldier, ₧ accot., o. 13. 7½.
16. Hope, Benjamin, for Cooking for part of the Goochland Militia, o. 14. 6.
17. Huntsman, John, for Waggon hire with the Charlotte Militia, ₧ accot., 6. 10. o.
18. Hickman, Col. John, for his pay & Rations as Colo. of the Militia, ₧ accot., 10. 9. o.
19. Hunt, Capt. Judkins, for pay, Rations, &c., of his Comp'y Sussex ditto, 158. 8. 1.
20. Harding, Giles, for Waggon hire with Capt. Massie's Ditto Goochland Ditto, 12. 10. o.
23. Huntsman, John, for Waggon hire with Charlotte Militia & return'g home, ₧ acco't., 7. o. o.
25. Haden, Anthony, for provisions, Cart hire & with two Comp's Fluvanna Militia, ₧ Accot., 55. 7. 7.
27. Higginbotham, Capt. James, for pay, &c., his Comp'y of Amherst Ditto, ₧ accot., 189. 7. 4½.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

WILL OF COLONEL WILLIAM BYRD, 3d.

WITH NOTICES OF HIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

Colonel William Byrd, of "Westover," third of the name, was son of Colonel William Byrd, of the same place, and his second wife Mary Taylor. He was born September 6, 1729; was for several years a member of the House of Burgesses for Lunenburg county, and in 1754 was appointed a member of the Council; was commissioned Colonel of the 2d Virginia regiment in 1758 and was in active service on the western frontier during the French and Indian war. He was a liberal supporter of the turf, owning some of the most celebrated race horses of the day in Virginia, and in this way and other extravagance wasted much of the great estate left by his father. There are many traditions of the great

amounts he won and lost at cards. In consequence of the involved condition of his estate he sold by lottery his lots in Richmond and Manchester. He married first, April 14, 1748, Elizabeth Hill, only daughter of John Carter, of "Shirley," who died July 5, 1760, and secondly, within six months after his first wife's death, Mary, daughter of Charles Willing, of Philadelphia, and died January 1, 1777.

Colonel William Byrd had issue (1st marriage): 1. William, born August 2d, 1749, a lieutenant in the 17th English regiment, died while travelling in France, July, 1771; 2. John Carter, born January 27, 1751, married the widow of William Randolph, of "Wilton," and died without issue; 3. Thomas Taylor, born January 17, 1752, was a captain in the English army, married Mary, daughter of William Armistead, of "Hesse," Gloucester county; 4. Elizabeth Hill, born November 29, 1754, married first, James Parke Farley, second, Rev. John Dunbar, third, Colonel Henry Skipwith; 5. Francis Otway, born May 8, 1756, was an officer in the British Navy, but resigned at the beginning of the Revolution and offered his services to America. A complimentary resolution was passed by the Virginia convention, and in the same year (1775) he was appointed aid to General Lincoln. In January, 1777, he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel 3d Virginia Light Dragoons and served through the war. Afterwards he was sheriff and clerk of Charles City county. He married Anne, daughter of Robert Munford, of "Richland," Mecklenburg county. (Issue of Colonel William Byrd, second marriage): 6. Maria Horsmanden, born November 26, 1761, married John Page, of "Pagebrook;" 7. Ann Willing, born March 25, 1763; 8. Charles Willing, born April 8, 1765, died August 1766; 9. Evelyn Taylor, born October 13, 1766, married Benj. Harrison, of "Brandon"; 10. Abby, born November 4, 1767, married Judge William Nelson; 11. Dorothy, born February 17, 1769, died 27th same month; 12. Charles Willing, born July 26, 1770, U. S. District Judge for Ohio, married Sarah Meade; 13. Jane, born January 17, 1773, married Carter H. Harrison; 14. Richard Willing, of Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, born October, 1774, died October, 1815, member of the House of Delegates 1804-6, married first, Lucy, daughter of Benj. Harrison, of "Brandon," second, Emily Wilson; 15. William, married Susan, daughter of Addison Lewis.

There are several papers preserved in the remaining records of Charles City county, which show something of his financial difficulties.

THE WESTOVER PLATE.

There is a deed dated August 12, 1769, from William Byrd, of Westover, to Joseph Farrall and William Jones, of Bristol, merchants and partners. William Byrd was indebted to them in the sum £5,561. 6. sterling, and to secure this debt mortgages 159 slaves now on the plantations of Westover and Buckland, and also all the silver plate at Westover

to the value of about £662 current money. List of the plate at Westover August 10, 1769: An Epergne £50; A Pitcher and Stand £30; A Bread Basket £20; Ten Candlesticks £70; One Snuffer Stand £5; One large cup £20; 2 large punch bowls £30; 2 Coffee pots £30; 6 Cans £18; a Sugar dish £4; a Sugar basket £2. 10; 2 sauce boats £10; 8 salt cellars and spoons £24; 2 sets of Castors £24; 1 Crewitt £10; 1 Large Waiter £20; 2 Middle Sized waiters £10; 4 small castors £16; a Cream boat £1. 10; 4 chaffing dishes; 1 Tea kettle £12; One Reine £10; 2 Pudding dishes £14; 1 Fish Slice £5; 1 Sucking bottle £1; 1 large Sauce pan £10; A Punch Strainer £1. 10; A Punch ladle £1; A Soup Ladle £1. 10; One Small Sauce pan £1. 10; 4 Ragoos Spoons £3; 2 large Sauce Spoons £1. 15; 3 Marrow Spoons £3; 7 doz. knives and 6 doz. and eleven forks £70; 11 old Fashioned Table Spoons £5. 10; 4 doz. best large table Spoons £32; 2 doz. Desert Spoons £12; 3 pr. tea tongs £1. 10; 2 tea Strainers 10 sh.; 1 Mustard Spoon 6 sh.; 1 doz. new tea Spoons £3; eleven second best tea spoons £2. 10; 6 camp tea spoons £1. 10; 7 old tea Spoons £1. 8; 5 children's Spoons 12 sh.; a large camp spoon 10 sh.; 2 small camp spoons £1; a camp cup £1. 10; a broad candlestick £5.

Deed of trust Dec. 9, 1772, from Wm. Byrd to Peyton Randolph and Benjamin Harrison, reciting that he owned a very considerable estate in lands lying on Roanoke, and another considerable estate in lands and houses in the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico at the falls of James River, and likewise a considerable estate in lands and houses adjacent to the city of West Minster in the county of Middlesex, England, and that his wife Mary had relinquished her dower in these estates, in return for which he conveys in trust for her the plantations lying on James River and Herring Creek called Westover and Buckland, and also 90 slaves and the appurtenances belonging to said plantations.

SALE OF THE LIBRARY.

In the account of Mrs. Byrd, the administratrix of William Byrd, appear the following credits: March, 1778. by amount of library sold Isaac Zane, £2,000. Feb. 1785, by twenty-four pictures sold at Petersburg, £37. 17. 6.

The following entries in the Charles City records, relating to William Byrd, 2nd, may be presented here:

Feb. 2nd, 1737, William Byrd relinquished his right of administration on the estate of his deceased daughter, Evelyn Byrd, & her sister, Wilhemina Byrd qualified.

March, 1744, the will of William Byrd, Esq., was presented by Mrs. Maria Byrd, one of the executors, and proved by the oaths of William Proctor and William Stith, two of the witnesses, who swore they saw Peter Fontaine the other witness sign.

Mrs. Mary Willing Byrd and her daughters continued to make West-

over a most attractive place even after the master of the estate was dead and financial difficulties had come upon them. From the pages of Chastellux may be seen how much they were admired by the officers of Rochambeau's army, and the two letters printed below, and for which we are indebted to the kindness of Mrs. Harrison, of Brandon, show that one of these officers cherished a hopeless passion for the daughter, Evelyn Taylor Byrd, afterwards Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, of Brandon.

It may be added that the will of Mrs. Mary Willing Byrd, which contains the list of the numerous portraits at Westover, was printed in this Magazine, VI, 346-358.

The writer of the letters which follow was M. Mauduit.

THE LETTERS.

(I.)

Dear Madam:

I have done everything in my power on account of your hay. I have seen Generals Chastellux, Richambeau, M. Taileville many, and every one have told me to address myself to Mr. Carter, I have done it, and plead your cause warmly but without success. The answer of Mr. Carter is that not hay has been bought, that 20 horses only are to stay at West Point for the use of the Artillery there, in last he cannot barge the hay. I have told him the loss you sustained by that chagement, but I have * * in vain. Gr. Chastellux and the other Gentlemen have told it should be perhaps convenient to transport your hay, or a part of it upon * * Mr. Carter says it is too far, and that he has hay here enough.

You speak me of a button you send me to choose a Groce too * * and I dont receive any.

You speak me of the letter you send me in your family at Philadelphia and I have received none.

I shall be very glad to be the bearer of your letter and to make Acquaintance with your family, I beg you to send me them as soon as possible.

We receive here the Salt from baltimore and now it is not enough in the Magazine for the use of the Army for ten days. We shall be obliged to buy more at Fredericksburg. I shall send the three pairs of shoes by your Black who is here.

If you have any commands of every sort for france, philadelphia don't forget I am truly your friend forever.

Mr. Blair received a letter by a flag from New York and the Gentleman begs him to make you Know that your sister Willing was in perfect health when he left there.

We were too certain of our hopes in the West indies. Admiral De Grasse has lost about 200 men, our loss consists in four men of war taken, one sunk, one * * we have now at the Cape 43 men of war

and 23,000 men land troops. Admiral la Motte Piquet is expected every day.

We have lost the battle but I hope for a revenge, were * * the happy event of Admiral Guichen.

I had one of my Brothers upon the ship which has been sunk'd, I do love him and very tenderly, I fear he be drown'd, but I love him better dead than alive upon a ship which shall have not done her duty. My heart is griev'd dear Madam, I am unhappy, I lose a tender Brother, a good and honest man, and a daring soldier, the happiness is not done for me, the sensibility of the heart is a great torment, but let me be a man, let me fight for vengeance upon the enemies of my King, in this war I have lost brother, uncle, many cousins, I must follow them, I shall speak not more of my sentiment for your Daughter * * my cruel fate makes me mad, oh madam, I have lost a friend in my brother, the misfortune is a contagion, leave me, give up me to my unhappy lot, dear Madam, be again to me, preserve your Daughter to be something to me, she should be unhappy not indeed, I wont to see her unhappy, I must and I will be alone unfortunate, but not more of lamentation, what is my Right to trouble you about my sorrow, I try all the day to conceal it before my * * and I discover you my heart, I am unjust, present my tender friendship to your lovely daughters and son, tell them I love them and for ever as Brother, tell them fare well for ever, tell them that Distance and absence can do nothing against the true friend-ship.

I am dear, worthy, respectable Madam with tender respect,

Your friend and very * *

M * * * MAUDUIT.

26th Jan'y, 1782.

(II.)

Boston, 21 Xber, 1782.

Dear and Respectable Madam: five letters without an answer, is it possible you have forgot me entirely, oh Madam! I hope it is some mistake, certainly the absence and the distance can not make you forget your friend Mauduit. I have writ to france for your Commissions, but I could not think in that time I was to leave so soon your continent. I don't Know how I shall receive them, if they arrive to West Indies by the first good opportunity I shall send you them at your address. I fear some mistake to the shoes.

We sail in few days, we don't Know where we go, but if you write me, address the letter to Martinica, and to the Cape. I hope that soon we shall have an Engagement, if your family has not forgot me I dont wish to be shot, but truly I Dont care of it if I am no more your son. Oh certainly I must be before a year at westover, and when I shall be there I fear to be not able to leave it. You Know I am your son and a mother has never turn'd her son out the door, perhaps your Dear Daught-er will plead for me, oh if it was (*Evelina*), you Know what you have

told me, I have your letter, I read them often and some time I leap for Joy, but sometime too I am in very low spirit. Every ship who will sail from the place where I shall be for petersburg or Richmond certainly will Bring you oranges, sweet meat, liquor.

Oh dear Madam write me and always long letters and your sweet Daughters they must write too to their Brother. You Know I have seen your family at philadelphia, your sister Willing has appear'd to be fond enough of the * * * * really she is as you have painted her to me. Your son Charley is charming boy. Will you have him in france for his Education, if you are willing send me him and I adopt him. write me upon that matter and I shall say you more on that matter from the West-indies, and Richard and billy what is your intention for them? I am the true friend to your family, you Know it. Now is the time of War, all the scenes are to be at the West-indies, if I fall a tear from each of my family, I say my family, for Really your family and mine are together in my heart. we were to sail in 12 days and an order is given to sail the day after tomorrow. I intended to write you a long letter, and now I am obliged to-night to write to many of my friends in france, to write you a short letter. Adieu my Dear Mamma my worthy mother, the example of the best mother love your son for till death, he will love you all very heartily. Adieu, perhaps forever, if it so, I shall look to you and your family an instant before my Last Moments.

I am with true and permanent and real attachment,

Your friend and son,

W. M. MAUDUIT.

I have given a short letter to one frenchman who has been at Westover, and since that he intends to go present your services as servant. I have made enquiries about him, he is a good and honest man.

My compliments your friend Carter at Charlé.

Major bootwright, who will deliver you this letter, is a man of merit, and I am acquainted with him.

THE WILL.

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Byrd, of Westover, in the County of Charles City, being of sound mind & health of body, make this my last will & testament, bearing date this sixth day of July, one thousand seven hundred & seventy-four.

In the first place, unworthy as I am, I resign my soul into the hands of its unerring Creator in all humble hopes of its eternal happiness thro' the Infinite Goodness of my most Merciful God & thro' the Merit & Interposition of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next I desire my Body may be privately buried by the tomb of my sister Evelyn in the old Church Yard. As to the remaining part of the Estate it has pleased God to bless me with, which thro' my own folly &

inattention to accounts, thro' carelessness of some interested with the management thereof & the villany of others, is still greatly incumbered with debts, which imbitters every moment of my life. . My will & Desire is that a Hundred negroes & such part of the plate & household furniture as my dearest wife can conveniently spare, together with my Library and part of my Stocks of Horses, Cattle & Sheep, be immediately sold to pay my Just Debts, & likewise that all the Debts due me from my Trustees, managers & adventurers in the Lottery, many of whom are still greatly in arrears, & Debts due to me in the Forge account, of which there are many to a great amount, be immediately sued for & collected & applied to the above purpose. I likewise desire that the money due me from Colonel Chiswell may be disputed in my account with the late Mr. John Robinson, which I think in justice he ought to pay, the Attorney General has the papers. I desire Mr. Jerman Baker be employed to settle all the accounts & that he apply to all those who stand on the Forge Books & to all those who had Tickets in the Lottery either for themselves or dispose of to other people, to render him their accounts & produce receipts, as many have done great Injustice therein. My will is also that my house in town be sold & a thousand pounds of the money be applied to pay Mr. William Allen for it, & the overplus to the payment of my Debts.

I give to my dearest & best of wives for her life, besides the deed she already has, the plantation of Westover & Buckland with all the remaining negroes & stocks of all sorts, & I likewise give to her so much of my Plate & the household furniture as she may choose to keep, together with my carriage & coach horses. I pray to almighty God to bless her & continue her in health for many years & I am convinced from the Goodness of Heart I have experienced in her she will take the tenderest care of all my children. It is my will & desire that at the death of my dearest wife all my Estates, whatsoever, consisting of Land, Negroes, Stocks of all sorts, plate, Books & furniture be sold as soon as convenient & the money arising from the sales thereof be equally divided among all my children that are alive at the time of my dear wife's death, deducting from the share of those I had by my first wife such sums as they may claim under the wills of my Deluded & superannuated Mother & my ungrateful son William, except the Ferry at the Falls left to my son John by his Brother William, which gift I have confirmed. My will is that four hundred pounds sterling be deducted from the share of my son Tom as I have already paid that sum for his commission, & whatsoever sums I may hereafter pay to promote him in the army are to be deducted out of his Dividends.

My will also is that five hundred pounds sterling be deducted from the share of my daughter Elizabeth, having paid her husband, Mr. Farley, that sum under the unjust will of my insane Mother.

My will likewise is that if my son Otway should quit the Navy before

the death of my Dearest wife that he shall not be entitled to any part of the above said money arising from the above said sales & in that case I give him one shilling sterling.

My will also is that if my son Thomas Taylor should marry Susannah Randolph, the daughter of the present Attorney General, before the death of my dear wife that he shall not be entitled to any part of the aforesaid money arising from the aforesaid sales & in that case I give him one shilling sterling. My will is that the child Mrs. Byrd now goes with shall share equally with the rest of my children. Should any of my children be dead before my wife & leave lawful Issue, the share of my deceased child shall go to them & be equally divided among them. If my dearest wife should die before any of the children I have by her are married or come of age my will is that their share of the money aforesaid be put into the hands of Mr. Thomas Willing, of Philadelphia, if he be living, otherwise in the hands of Mr. Richard Willing, to be put to Interest for their use & maintenance, & I most earnestly recommend them to their care & protection. I pray God to bless & preserve them all & am unhappy I can do no more, which has shortened my days by many years. I give to my son John over & above that he may share of the money aforesaid all my right to the mines in Fincastle known by the name of Chiswell mines & two thousand acres I claim under his Majesties Proclamation of 1763. I likewise give him his choice of ten Negroes after my wife has chosen such as she pleases. I give to my son Tom a thousand acres of land I claim under the same Proclamation & his share of the money aforesaid, but upon the conditions aforesaid. I give to my son Otway over & above the money aforesaid, a thousand acres of the land I claim under this same Proclamation, but upon the conditions aforesaid. I give to my son Charles, who never offended me, a thousand acres of land in the County of Fincastle, known by the name of the Salt Springs, & which was surveyed for me by Mr. Arthur Campbell, being part of the land I claim under his Majesties Proclamation of 1763. I likewise give him his man Tom & little Jack White & his choice of two negro girls, over & above his share of the money aforesaid. I give to my daughter Elizabeth, Rachel & her family, over & above her share of the money aforesaid, making the deduction aforesaid. I give to my daughter Molly, Eleanor & Cate's Sarah, over & above her share of the money aforesaid. I give to my daughter Anne, Thomas' Hannah & Nancy's Nanny, over & above her share of the money aforesaid. I give to my daughter Evelyn, Jack's Sally & Garrett's Patty, over & above her share of the money aforesaid. I give to my daughter Abby, Statia's Aggy & Tom's sister Judith, over & above her share of the money. I give to my daughter Jenny & the child my wife now goes with two negro girls apiece over & above their share of the money aforesaid. I give to Mary Willing Robertson, the daughter of Anne Campbell, of Winchester, two hundred pounds, if so much remains, from the sales, Debts, &c.

after paying my just Debts. Tis my earnest desire that my faithful servant Jack White, be set free on the Death of my beloved wife, for he has not only been the best of servants to me but has on different occasions saved me from the grave. I entrust this matter may be recommended to the Governor & Council. My desire is that the meadows may be carefully kept up, because they are invaluable & will make Westover sell for as much again. I do hereby appoint my dearest wife, her Brothers, my worthy friends Thomas Willing, Esq., & Charles Willing, Esq., Richard Willing, Esq., & James Willing, Esq., guardians to all my children under age at the time of my death. If my beloved wife should choose to take the trouble of the Executrix of this my last will, I then appoint her my Sole Executrix, but fear it will be too troublesome an office for her. If she declines it I do hereby appoint my son John Carter Byrd & my good friend Mr. Patrick Coutes, Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this sixth day of July, 1774, as dated above & on the other sheet to which this is tacked.

The above was signed, seafed & published, delivered & declared, & pronounced by the said William Byrd as his last will & Testament in presence of us—

WILLIAM GLEN,
JAMES LITTLEPAGE,
JOHN JOHNSON.

At a court held for Charles City at the Court House, Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1777.

The last will & Testament of William Byrd, Esq., deceased, was proved by the oaths of William Glen, James * * *

EASTERN-SHORE HISTORY.*

An Address Delivered at Accomack Courthouse on June 19, 1900, Being the Occasion of the Dedication of the New Courthouse at that Place.

BY THOMAS T. UPSHUR, OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

In introducing the subject of my address this afternoon, I find myself somewhat in the position of the old colored preacher, who said : "My Bredren, de text of my sermon will be found somewhere betwixt

* This address was first published in the *Eastern Shore Herald*, and has been corrected by Mr. Upshur. It has been, and will continue to be, the purpose of the Society that the Magazine shall be chiefly devoted to the publication of original documents ; but the great learning in manuscript sources of such men as Mr. Brown for our early history, Mr.